

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

March 11, 2022

Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief will transition to biweekly.

The next Vaccine Information Brief will be March 25, 2022.

IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- IRIS COVID-19 Provider Vaccine Inventory Management
- Shelf Life Extension for Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine
- Current Versions of U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance and Clinic Support Tools
- Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Updates on Current & Immunization Site Training
- Vaccine Expiration Date Resources
- V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker

IRIS COVID-19 Provider Vaccine Inventory Management

IRIS vaccine inventory management is a critical component of the pandemic vaccine response. All COVID-19 Vaccine Providers are required to report COVID-19 vaccine doses administered to IRIS which deducts from IRIS inventory. Maintaining accurate inventory impacts the state's ability to report accurate inventory to federal partners. Additionally, this also impacts the state's vaccine thresholds and the amount of vaccine available for all providers. Providers should make it a practice to regularly check inventory for expired vaccine and immediately remove expired inventory to prevent it from being administered. Please review these IRIS inventory management best practices to ensure accurate vaccine inventory.

- Ensure Vaccine Redistributions are accurately reported.
 - All COVID-19 vaccine transfers between providers MUST be completed and approved by IDPH. Please see the [Vaccine Redistribution Instructions](#).
 - Providers should NOT physically transfer COVID-19 vaccine without prior IDPH approval.
- Verify all data entry in IRIS is up to date.
 - Doses administered are required to be reported to IRIS within 24 hours of vaccine administration.
- Verify data exchange between IRIS and the organization's Electronic Health Record (EHR) has worked appropriately.
 - IRIS Admin users can use the [Doses Not Deducted Report](#) to view and update doses of COVID-19 vaccines not deducted from IRIS inventory.
- Report vaccine wastage in IRIS.
 - Verify all vaccine wastage is documented appropriately using the approved adjustment reasons included in the [Adjusting COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory for Wastage](#) instructions.
 - **VACCINE WASTAGE ADJUSTMENT REASONS CANNOT BE USED TO CORRECT VACCINE INVENTORY FOR UNACCOUNTED DOSES.**

If you have questions regarding IRIS and vaccine inventory, contact the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958.

Shelf Life Extension for Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

The Food & Drug Administration announced the approval of a shelf life extension for the [Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine](#) for **an additional three months**. The shelf life of this vaccine has been updated from 6 months to **9 months**. This shelf life extension applies to refrigerated vials of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine that have been held in accordance with the manufacturer's storage conditions.

This shelf life extension applies to all inventory dated to expire on March 7, 2022 or later. Vaccine dated prior to March 7, 2022 should be disposed of accordingly and reported as waste according to the COVID-19 provider agreement. **Vaccine providers should visit the [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Expiry Checker](#) webpage to confirm the expiration dates.**

COVID-19 vaccines authorized under an EUA do not have fixed expiration dates, and expiration dates may be extended as more stability data becomes available. This decision is based on data from ongoing stability assessment studies, which have demonstrated that the vaccine is stable at 9 months when refrigerated at temperatures of 36° - 46° Fahrenheit (2° - 8° Celsius). Healthcare providers should always check the manufacturer's website to obtain the most up-to-date expiration dates for the COVID-19 vaccines in inventory.

Reporting vaccine wastage in IRIS:

- Verify all vaccine wastage is documented appropriately using the approved adjustment reasons included in the [Adjusting COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory for Wastage](#) instructions.
- **VACCINE WASTAGE ADJUSTMENT REASONS CANNOT BE USED TO CORRECT VACCINE INVENTORY FOR UNACCOUNTED DOSES.**

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Current Versions of U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance and Clinic Support Tools

This [list](#) is updated at least monthly and provides links to key COVID-19 vaccination resources. Information is current as of March 10, 2022.

Primary CDC Guidance on Use of COVID-19 Vaccines

- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States](#)
- [COVID-19 ACIP Vaccine Recommendations](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines are Effective](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for People with Allergies](#)
- [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines](#)
- [How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine or Booster?](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for People Who Would Like to Have a Baby](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)

COVID-19 Immunization Schedule (print ready PDF document)

- [Interim COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Schedule for Ages 5 Years and Older](#)

Fact Sheets and Package Inserts For Vaccines with Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

Pfizer-BioNTech, orange cap (5 through 11 years)

- [Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver Fact Sheet](#)

Pfizer-BioNTech, purple cap (12+ years)

- [Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver Fact Sheet](#)

Pfizer-BioNTech, gray cap (12+ years)

- [Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver Fact Sheet](#)

Moderna (18+ years)

- [Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver Fact Sheet](#)

Janssen or J&J (18+ years)

- [Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver Fact Sheet](#)

Package Inserts For Vaccines with Approved (Licensed) Vaccines

- [Pfizer-BioNTech \(Comirnaty\), purple cap](#) (16+ years)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech \(Comirnaty\), gray cap](#) (16+ years)
- [Moderna \(Spikevax\)](#) (18+ years)

CDC: FACT SHEETS for Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) for Approved (Licensed) Vaccines with Special Conditions for Use Beyond the Scope of the Approved Product Labeling ([CDC EUI Resources](#))

Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), (12+ years)

- [Healthcare Provider](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver](#)

Moderna (Spikevax) (18+ years)

- [Healthcare Provider](#)
- [Recipients & Caregiver](#)

CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Support Tools (print ready PDF documents)**CDC: Prevaccination Checklist**

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)

CDC: Standing Orders For Administering Vaccine

- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **orange cap** (5 through 11 years)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **purple cap** (12+ years)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **gray cap** (12+ years)
- [Moderna](#) (18+ years)
- [Janssen or J&J](#) (18+ years)

CDC: Vaccine Preparation and Administration Summary

- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), [Dosage Chart](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **orange cap** (5 through 11 years)
 - [Preparation Infographic](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **purple cap** (12+ years)
 - [Preparation Infographic](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **gray cap** (12+ years)
- [Moderna](#) (18+ years)
- [Janssen or J&J](#) (18+ years)

CDC: Vaccine Storage and Handling Summary

- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **orange cap** (5 through 11 years)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **purple cap** (12+ years)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), **gray cap** (12+ years)
- [Moderna](#) (18+ years)
- [Janssen or J&J](#) (18+ years)

Comprehensive CDC Resources for All COVID-19 Vaccines (*print ready PDF documents*)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine: Quick Reference Guide for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Ingredients Included in COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (table from web page)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Errors Revaccination Guidance](#) (standard pages)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Errors Revaccination Guidance](#) (poster layout)

V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker and VAERS

V-safe information sheet and poster is available in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese

- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-safe Print Resources](#)
- [V-safe Poster-11x17](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)

Additional COVID-19 Resources

- [Vaccines: COVID-19](#) (Immunize.org)
- [Ask the Experts: COVID-19](#) (Immunize.org)
- [MMWR Index: COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness and Safety \(CDC\)](#)

At this time, the Medical Affairs team is continuing to educate providers on Purple, Gray, and Orange caps as well as medical updates. To access dates and links for upcoming training sessions, please visit: <https://www.pfizermedicalinformation.com/en-us/medical-updates>.

Vaccine Expiration Date Resources

Always be sure to check the manufacturer's website to obtain the most up-to-date expiration dates for COVID-19 vaccines. It is important for healthcare providers to update vaccine expiration dates in IRIS. Questions regarding IRIS vaccine inventory and adjusting expiration dates can be directed to the IRIS Helpdesk at 800-374-3958.

For EUA COVID-19 vaccines that do not have a final expiration date, the CDC has set an expiration date of 12/31/2069 to serve as a *placeholder date*. Such vaccines have a dynamic expiration date, which can change over time as additional stability data become available. This placeholder date, which is far in the future, is intended to serve as a prompt for the provider to check the latest expiry information on the manufacturer's website. **It is important for healthcare providers to update vaccine expiration dates in IRIS.**

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine:

It is important for all healthcare providers to double check all shelf life extensions for all Pfizer products.

Pfizer does not have an expiration date look up tool for these vaccines. **The date on the label is NOT the expiration date, instead, each vial has the lot number and date of manufacture printed on the label.** Pfizer does provide guidance for expiration dates on their [website](#).

- Regardless of storage condition, **GRAY CAP** and **ORANGE CAP** vaccine vials should not be used after 9 months from the **date of manufacture** printed on the vial and cartons.
- The **PURPLE CAP** vaccine vials with an **expiry date** of September 2021 - February 2022 (printed on the label) may remain in use for 3 months beyond the printed date if vials are maintained in approved storage conditions (-90°C to -60°C, -130°F to -76°F).
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for children 5 through 11 (**ORANGE CAP**) years of age may be stored at refrigerated temperatures between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 10 weeks. **Vaccine initially distributed is nearing or has met the 10-week beyond-use date (BUD).**
 - **Reminders for providers:**
 - Vaccine may be stored in a refrigerator unit between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 10 weeks.
 - Do NOT use vaccines stored in the refrigerator after 10 weeks. Discard appropriately.
 - Use a tracking system to ensure the vaccine is not used after the BUD. CDC has tracking labels to monitor storage times at [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine \(5 Through 11 Years of Age\) | CDC](#)

 Expiry information for Ages 5 through 11 DILUTE BEFORE USE Orange Cap presentation and Ages 12 years and older DO NOT DILUTE Gray Cap presentation	
Printed Manufacturing Date	9-Month Expiry Date
06/2021	28-Feb-2022
07/2021	31-Mar-2022
08/2021	30-Apr-2022
09/2021	31-May-2022
10/2021	30-Jun-2022
11/2021	31-Jul-2022
12/2021	31-Aug-2022
01/2022	30-Sep-2022
02/2022	31-Oct-2022

 Expiry information for Ages 12 years and older DILUTE BEFORE USE Purple Cap presentation	
Printed Expiry Date	Updated Expiry Date
September 2021	December 2021
October 2021	January 2022
November 2021	February 2022
December 2021	March 2022
January 2022	April 2022
February 2022	May 2022

Janssen COVID-19 vaccine: The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Call 1-800-565-4008, or
- Go to www.vaxcheck.inj/

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Go to www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/

CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccine Expiration Date Tracking Tool](#) can help providers keep track of the expiration date by lot number.